

## STEADY POTENTIAL SOLVER FOR UNSTEADY AERODYNAMIC ANALYSES

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**Presentation Outline**

- Description of flow solver, SFLOW
- Subsonic Calculations (Steady & Unsteady)
  - Compressor Cascade (10<sup>th</sup> Standard Configuration)
  - Turbine Cascade (4<sup>th</sup> Standard Configuration)
  - GE Low Speed Research Compressor
  - GE Low Speed Research Turbine
- Transonic Calculations (Steady)
  - Compressor Cascade (10<sup>th</sup> Standard Configuration)

**Objective**

Develop steady flow solver for use with LINFLO

- Compatible with LINFLO
- Composite Mesh
- Transonic Capability

**Approach**

- Steady flow potential equation written in nonconservative form
- Newton's Method
- Implicit, Least-Squares, Interpolation Method used to obtain finite difference expressions
- Matrix inversion routines from LINFLO

## Differential Equations

### Steady Flow

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 \nabla^2 \phi - (\gamma - 1) \nabla^2 \Phi \frac{\bar{D}\phi}{Dt} - \frac{\bar{D}^2 \phi}{Dt^2} - \nabla \phi \cdot \frac{\nabla(\nabla \Phi)^2}{2} \\ = -A^2 \nabla^2 \Phi + \nabla \Phi \cdot \frac{\nabla(\nabla \Phi)^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\bar{D}}{Dt} = \nabla \Phi \cdot \nabla$$

### Unsteady Flow

$$A^2 \nabla^2 \phi - (\gamma - 1) \nabla^2 \Phi \frac{\bar{D}\phi}{Dt} - \frac{\bar{D}^2 \phi}{Dt^2} - \nabla \phi \cdot \frac{\nabla(\nabla \Phi)^2}{2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\bar{D}}{Dt} = i\omega + \nabla \Phi \cdot \nabla$$

### Newton' Method

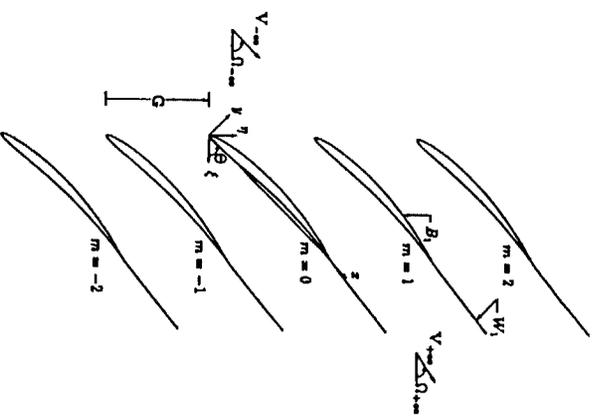
$$[A(\Phi)] \{\phi\} = \{b(\Phi)\}$$

$$\Phi(\bar{x})^{n+1} = \Phi(\bar{x})^n + \phi(\bar{x})^n$$

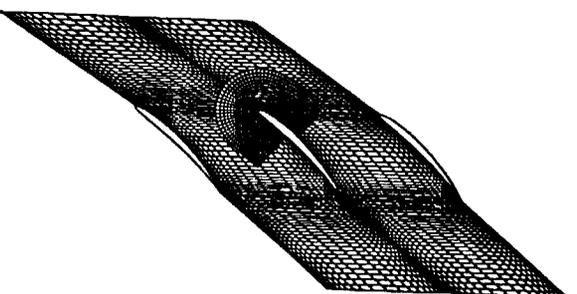
### Convergence Criterion

$$|\phi(\bar{x})^n| < \epsilon$$

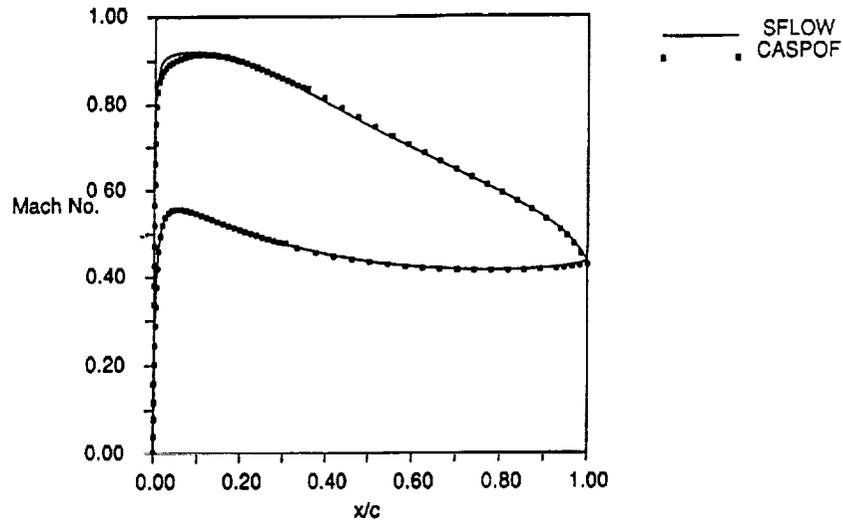
# Cascade Geometry



# Composite Mesh

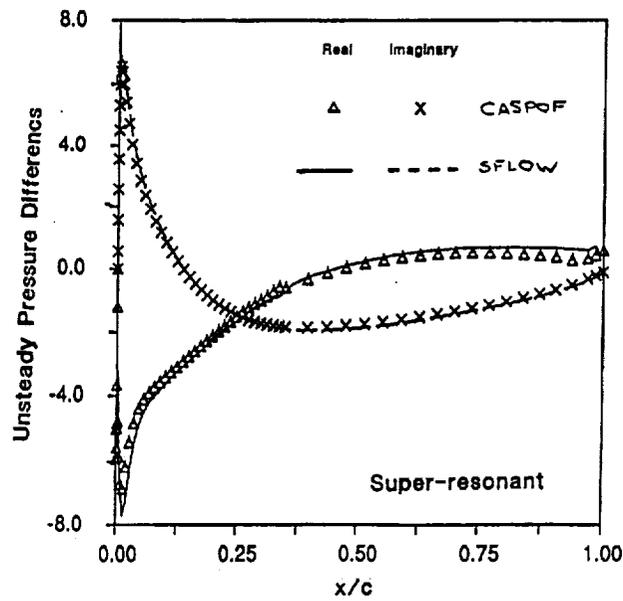


10<sup>th</sup> Standard Configuration, Subsonic Flow Conditions  
 Steady Mach Number Distribution  
 $M_{\infty} = 0.7, \Omega_{\infty} = 55 \text{ deg}$



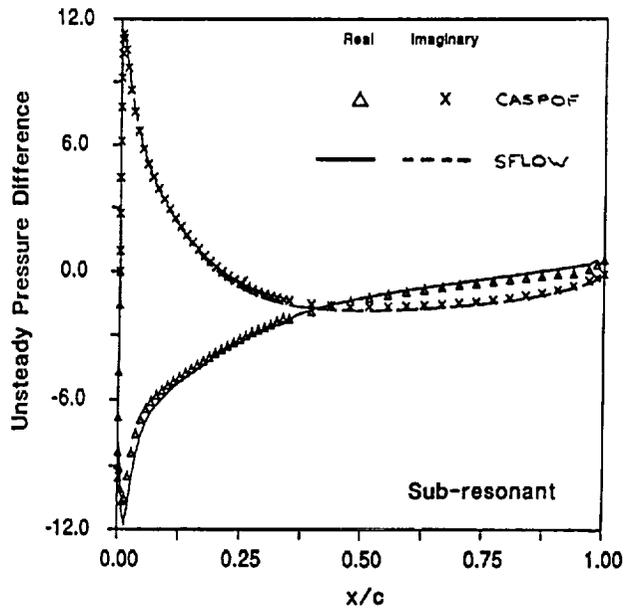
10<sup>th</sup> Standard Configuration, Subsonic Flow Conditions  
 Unsteady Torsion Mode Response

$\alpha = 1.0, \omega = 0.24, \sigma = 30 \text{ deg}$

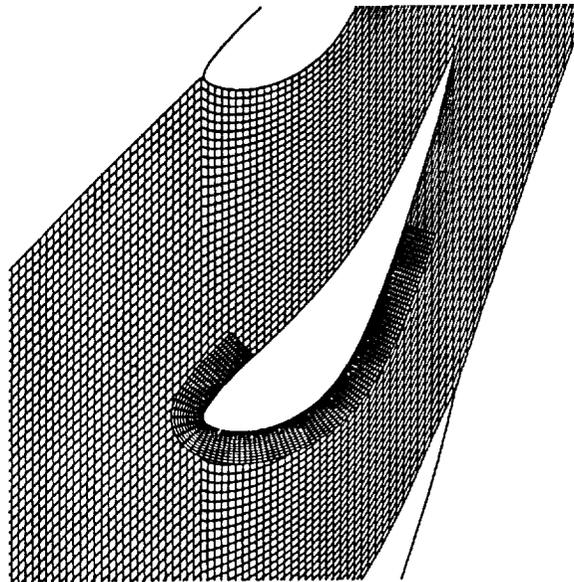


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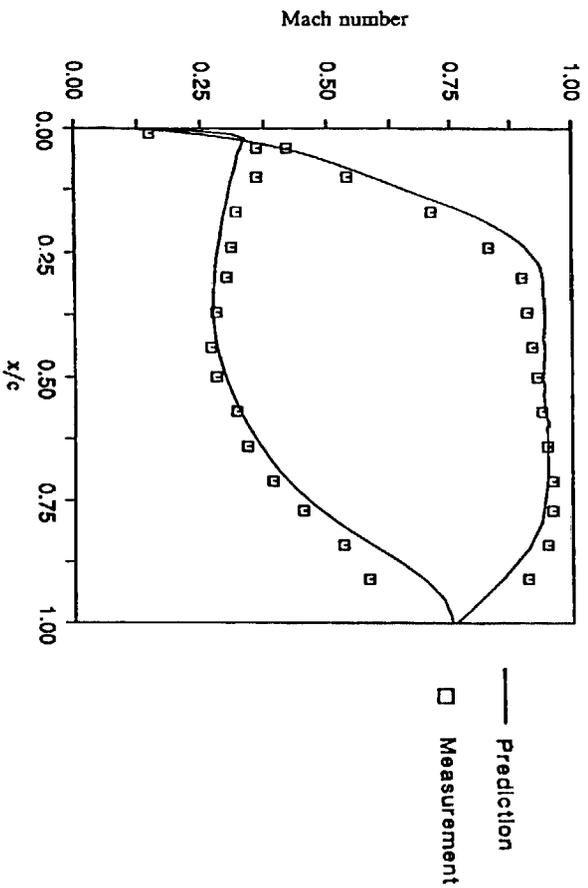
$\alpha = 1.0, \quad \omega = 0.24 \quad \sigma = 180 \text{ deg}$



## Standard Configuration Number 4 Turbine Cascade Composite Mesh

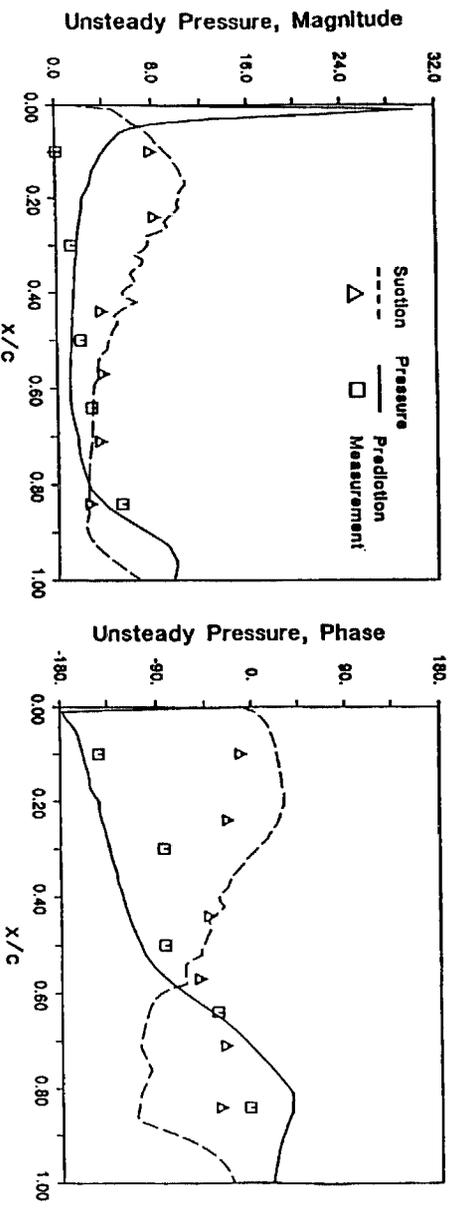


# Standard Configuration Number 4 Steady Surface Mach Number Distribution



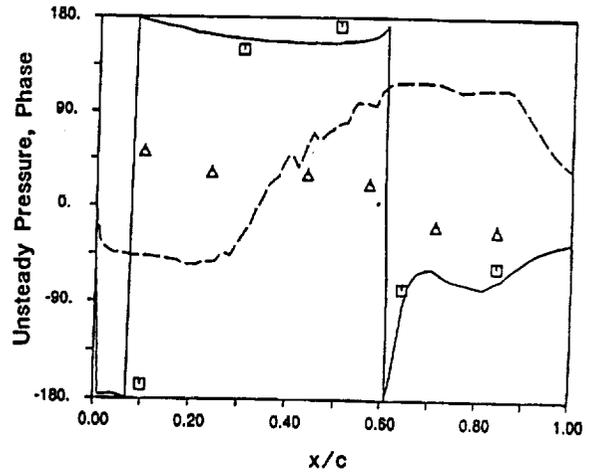
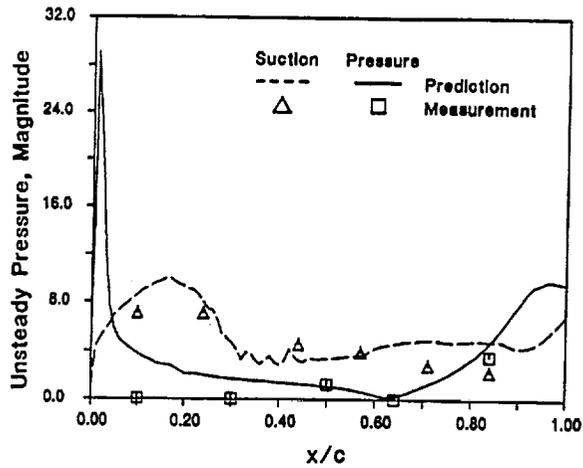
# Standard Configuration Number 4 Unsteady Aerodynamic Response

$h = (0.0016, 0.0029)$ ,  $\omega = 0.24$ ,  $\sigma = -90$  Deg

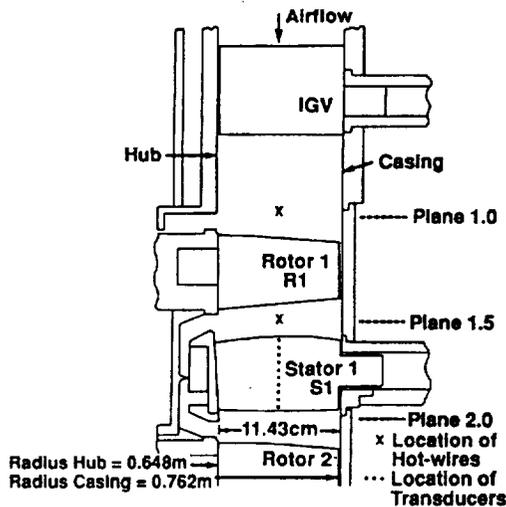


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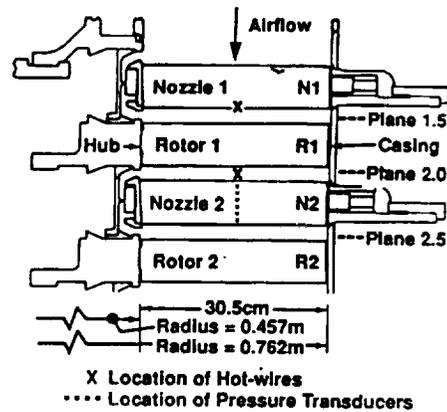
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## GE Low Speed Research Compressor & Turbine Configurations

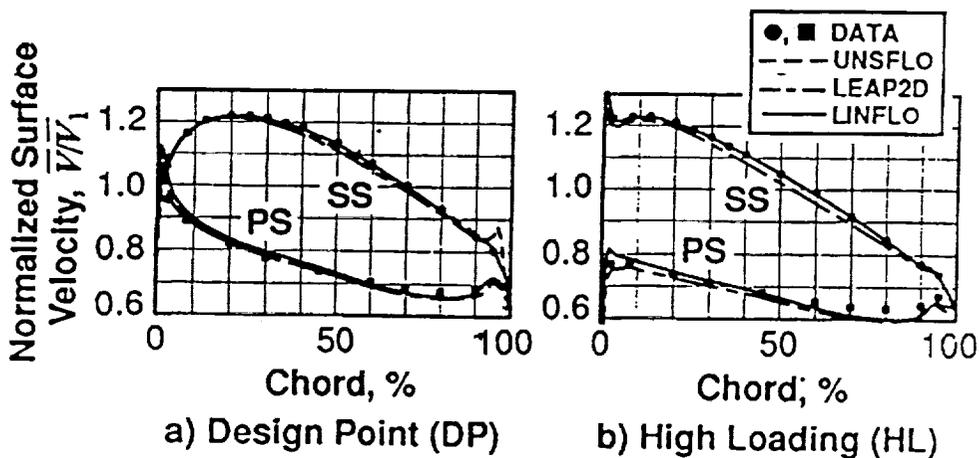


Compressor Test Rig

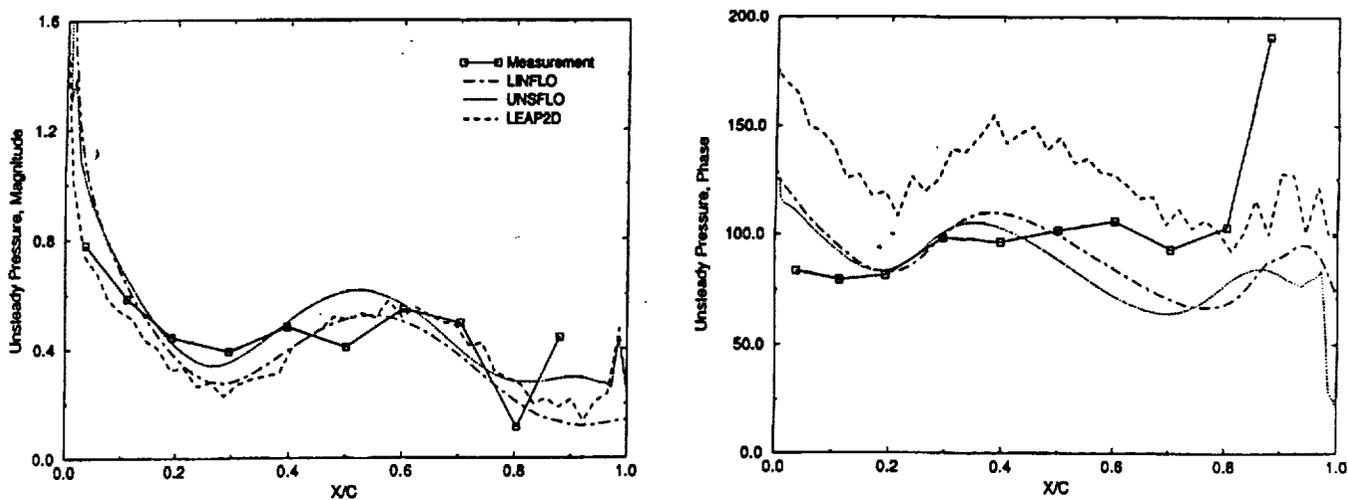


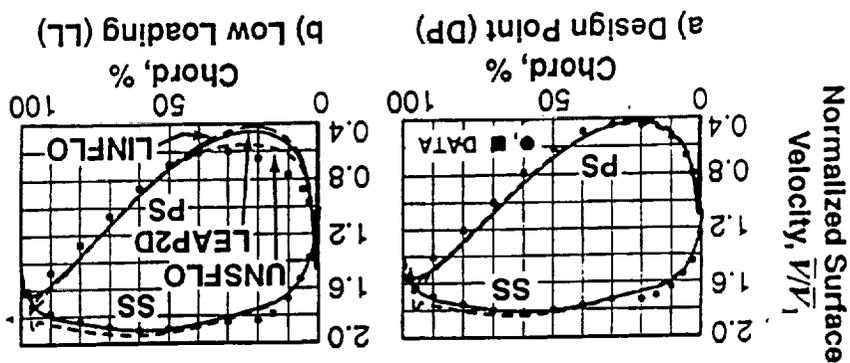
Turbine Test Rig

## GE Low Speed Research Compressor Steady Blade Loading

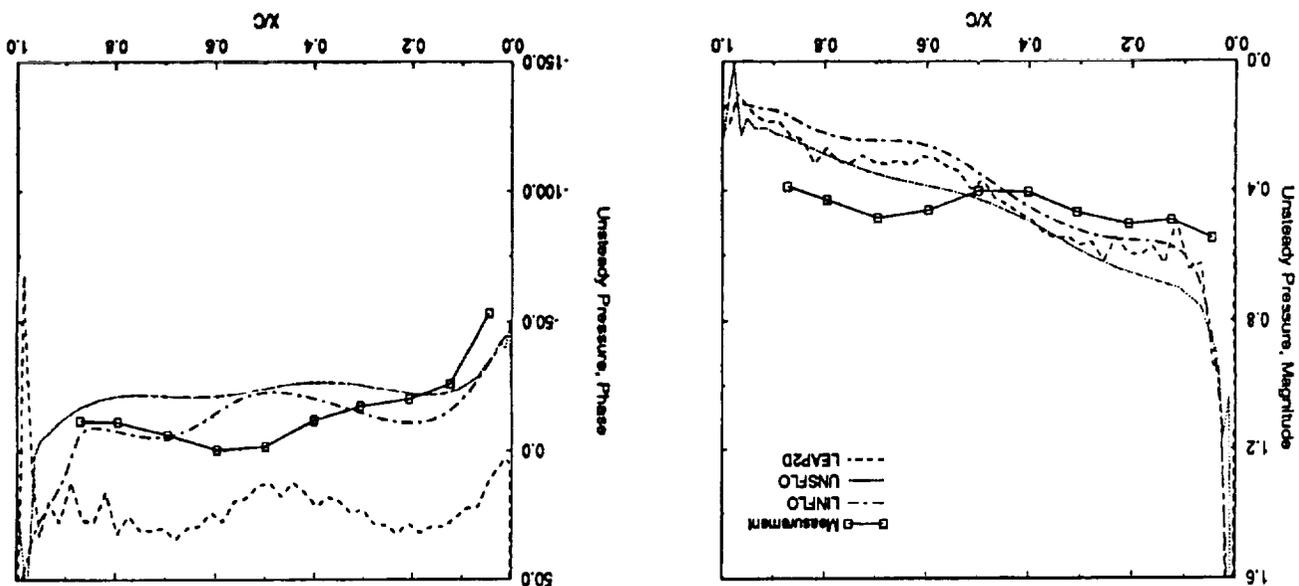


## GE Low Speed Research Compressor Design Point, Suction Surface



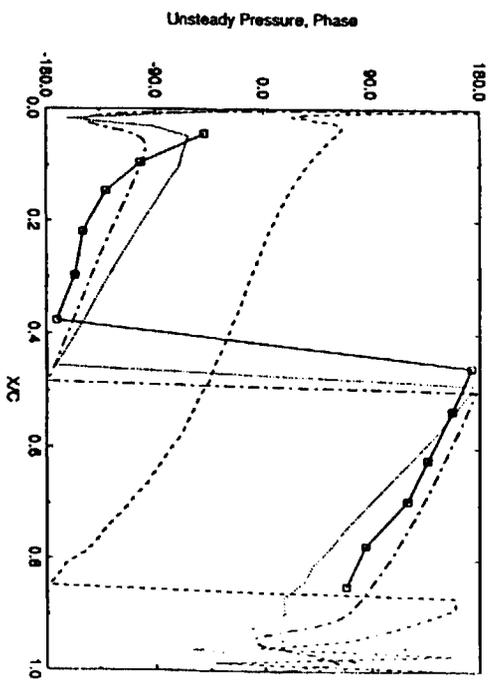
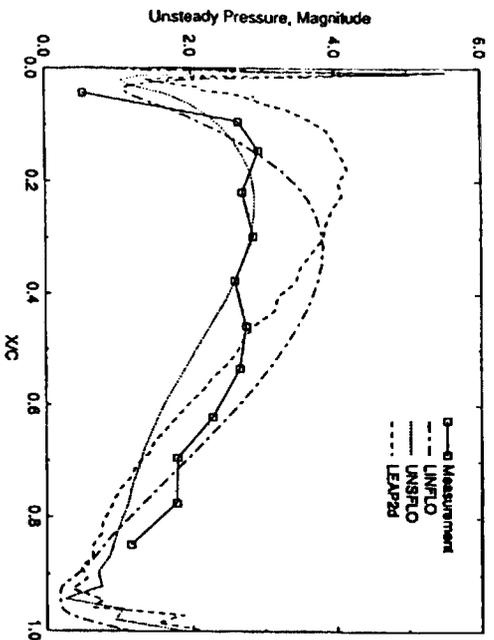


GE Low Speed Research Turbine  
Steady Blade Loading

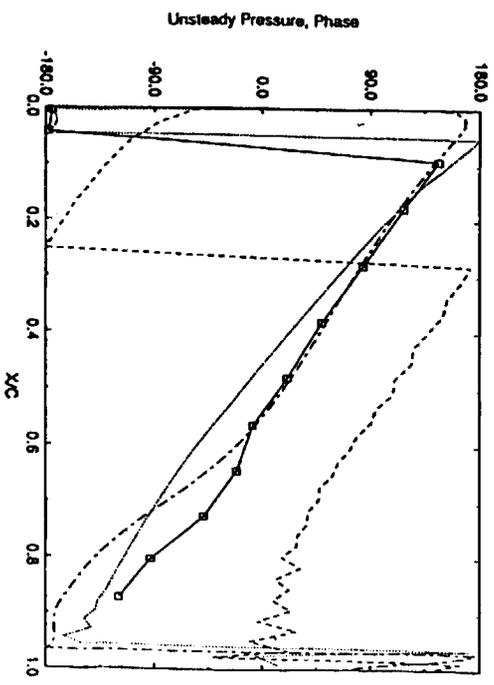
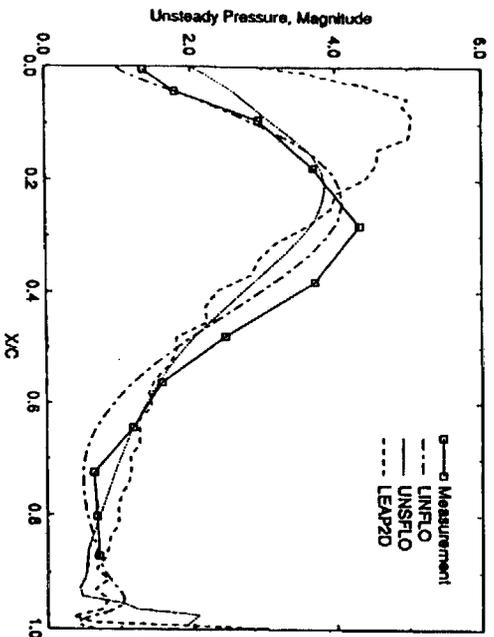


GE Low Speed Research Compressor  
Design Point, Pressure Surface

# GE Low Speed Research Turbine Design Point, Pressure Surface



# GE Low Speed Research Turbine Design Point, Suction Surface



## Transonic Flow Calculations

- Artificial viscosity added using rotated difference scheme of Jameson
- Dissipation coefficient based on local Mach number
- Modified Newton's method used to solve resulting equations

### Modified Newton' Method for Transonic Flow Calculations

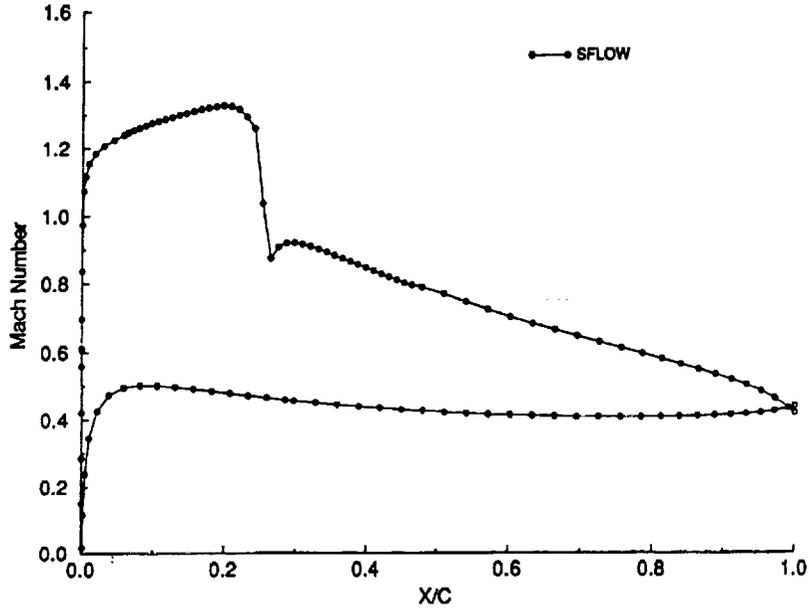
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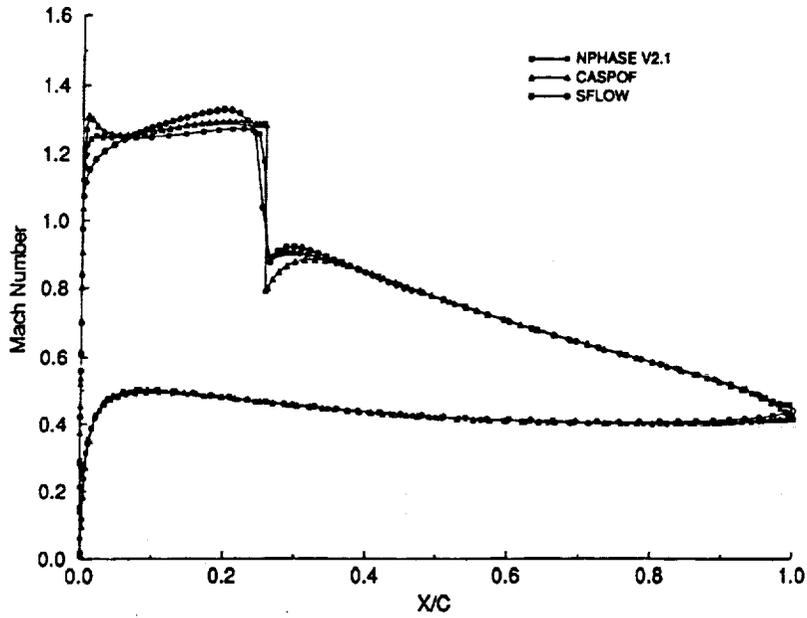
Convergence Criterion

$$|\phi(\bar{x})^n| < \varepsilon$$

10<sup>th</sup> Standard Configuration, Transonic Flow Conditions  
 $M_{\infty} = 0.8$ ,  $\Omega_{\infty} = 58$  deg.



10<sup>th</sup> Standard Configuration, Transonic Flow Conditions  
Comparison with NPHASE & CASPOF Results  
 $M_{\infty} = 0.8$ ,  $\Omega_{\infty} = 58$  deg.



## Summary

- 10<sup>th</sup> standard configuration predictions show good agreement with other flow solvers
- 4<sup>th</sup> standard configuration turbine predictions show good agreement with the magnitude of measured data, however there are some problems with phase near trailing edge on suction surface
- GE low speed research compressor and turbine predictions show reasonable agreement with magnitude and phase measurements
- Transonic solution progressing, needs better model for artificial viscosity near shock, and mesh clustering capability

